AMERICAN

in Mexico, Says Ambas-

sador Fletcher

Makes Declarations to

State Department

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—American

rights in Mexico will be amply safeguard-

ed by the Mexican government, accord-

ing to Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher,

who is here from Mexico City for confer-

ences with state department officials,

with an optimistic view of the situation

The ambassador declared to day that

the feeling there toward this country had

become more friendly since the recall of

the German minister, the notorious Von

had accomplished a great work in pre-

paring for development and reconstruc-

now were without real influence and were

MUCH ACCOMPLISHED.

Barre Branch of Red Cross.

Miss Evelyn Phelps, who has very ef

ficiently served as the claims worker in the home service department, ten-

dered her resignation, which was accepted, and Mrs. Frank E. Robinson was

ended at the close of hostilities, there

remained on hand at headquarters here

some material, and a committee was ap-

pointed last night to turn over such sup-

plies as seemed advisable to the City

hospital, as a gift. It was also voted

dresses as her work for the month.

for the past three weeks, interest

hosen to succeed Miss Phelps

started.

the southern republic.

real power in Mexico.

MEXICANS FEELING

AMERICAN PEOPLE TOLD WHAT THEY MUST RAISE TO RUN THE COUNTRY

BRITISH GOVERNMENT

KEEPS OUT OF STRIKE

Holds That London's Troubles Are Solely

Industrial Controversies at the Pres-

ent Time-Military Motor Serv-

ice Started.

London, Feb. 6.-The government to

he great inconvenience which the Lon-

ernment measures of relief until a settle

ment is reached. These were initiated

The fourth day of the tube strike

In this situation the war office mobil-

250,000 persons daily. No fare is charged

The strike of the waiters and cooks in

but staffs for these eating places are be-

BIG SEATTLE STRIKE ON.

Carmen Drove Cars to Barn, Elevator

Operators Abandoned Cars, Etc.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. d.-Seattle's gen-

eral strike was called at the scheduled

time, 10 a. m. to-day. First reports from

the downtown section said union street

carmen started their cars for the barns

when their union cooks and waiters left.

Most of the city stores announced they

Telephone operators remained at their

posts, according to reports. Scattle ex-

council exempted the engineers in the

Schools may be closed because of the

icture houses will be crippled by the

To-day's walkout was called by the

MADE TO CONFERENCE

13,000,000 People-An Outlet to

the Sea Is Desired.

these outlets.

Czecho-Slovak claims.

Hedjaz would be heard.

Paris, Wednesday, Feb. 5.-The au-

The hearing given the Czecho-Slovaks

Scattle central labor council as a sympa-

would remain open as long as their stocks

last. They will be unable to replenish

them, as the truck drivers are striking.

at 10 o'clock, union elevator operators in

up by the lorries.

Long-Delayed War Revenue Bill Was Submitted GERMANY BEGINS to Congress To-day-Over \$6,000,000,000 Must Be Raised This Year and \$4,000,000,000 in the Succeeding Years.

MEASURE IS SURE TO PASS AND BE APPROVED BY WILSON

BULK OF TAXES ON WAR EXCESS PROFITS

Principal Increase Is on the Corporation Income Rate for 1920 - Virtually All Relief Provisions Proposed were solely industrial controversies, but by Senate Were Adopted. don public is suffering has prompted gov

by the starting of a military motor service in London's streets. Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.-With the submission to Congress to-day of the found many thousands of persons standconferees' agreement on the long-delayed ing in line waiting for the busses, which war revenue bill, the American people are still maintaining their service, while other thousands started to walk to their were presented their prospetive federal places of employment. tax budget for 1919 and ensuing yearssomething over \$6,000,000,000 this year ized more than 1,000 motor lorries along and \$4,000,000,000 thereafter, subject to ment the busses and take the place of the revision of future rates expected to the suspended tube service. These lorries were manned by military drivers. It is be undertaken by the next Congress.

House by Majority Leader Kitchin is re- and particular attention is paid to work garded as assured of adoption by both ing women and girls. Only bona fide Honse and Senate and of approval by workers on their way to work are picked

Except for slightly increased war ex- the hotels and restaurants is still incess profits rates for 1919 and corpora- conveniencing thousands of Londoners tion income tax rates for 1920, virtually all the rates as revised in the bill passed ployed and the situation was somewhat by the Senate are approved by the con- improved this morning. ferees and remain in the final conference | The first step toward the threatened draft. Like the original House bill and extension of the railroad strike beyond the local lines in London was taken last the Senate's revision, the bulk of the night when some of the drivers on the taxes are levied on war excess profits of Brighton and the Southwestern roads transportation, beverages, cigars and to suburbs from Waterioo station, the Lonbacco, amusement admissions, club dues, don terminus of the Southwestern, were luxuries and semi-luxuries, stamp and not started this morning, as the drivers special taxes all substantially were did not appear. special taxes, all substantially were adopted by the conferees, while the House rutes on estates and insurance were re-

Comparison of the conference agreements for 1919 revenues with existing

. HOROTO A 2010 MODEL TO 100 CO.		
Income tax War excess profits. Estates	\$2,213,99*,000 2,500,000,000 100,000,000	Present law, \$1,458,590,00 1,791,000,00 100,000,00
Transportation and other facilities		230,000,00
Beverusen	450,000,000	400,000,00
Cigars and tobecco	245,000,000	200,000,00
ducs Excise taxes, luxu-	54,000,000	54,000,00
Her. etc.	175,000,000	76,000,00
Stamp tages	31,600,000	
Special, floor and miscellan, faxes.		28,617,00
Totals	\$6,086,000,000	\$4,370,117,00

The principal rate increases agreed to strike committee of the central labor in conference were to raise the corporation income rate for 1920 from 8 per cent, as proposed by the Senate, to 10 per cent order. and an increase from 60 to 65 per cent in the second "bracket" or sliding rate on strake of janitors and engineers, the sucorporation excess profits for this year, The 80 per cent war profits tax for this year was adopted and, upon insistence by strike of operators, House conferees, extended to 1920, but made applicable next year only upon such profits from government war con-The excess profits "bracket" rates of 20 and 40 per cent for 1920 also higher pay Jan. 21.

were approved. Virtually all the so-called relief pro visions or "cushions" of the Senate, de- CZECHO-SLOVAK CLAIMS signed to prevent hardships in imposition of the corporation taxes, were adopt-

In the important income tax section, The Territory Desired Contains About Feb. 12 and 18. the bill retains all Senate rates, normal and surtaxes, including that of 12 per cent, double existing law, on corporatio income of last year in excess of credits previously allowed, but fixes the rate for subsequent years at 10 per cent. preme council of the peace conference to-

The 12 per cent normal rate on individ-The 12 per cent normal rate on individ-ual incomes returned last year and the day received from M. Kramarz and M. Newport yesterday the jury brought in a S per cent rate payable in 1920 are reBenes a statement of the claims of the verdict for R. N. Baldwin of Orleans to tained, with individual exemptions of new Czecho-Sigvak republic. These delerecover \$1,750 from Dr. Gaines, a Newpersons, and an additional exemption of prise Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, Sloadopted are provisions that individuals gary, as well as outlying regions where verdict of \$2,500. Gaines carried the subject to tax above exemptions. The Senate individual surtaxes, ranging from The necessity of giving the new state. 000,000, also were approved.

Pre-War Postal Rates Again.

Of the important general legislation and "riders," the conferees adopted the the Adriatic. To this end the delegates twenty hours. Levying a prohibitory tax on products asked for the internationalization of

waterways and railways giving them of child labor. Restoring pre-war postage rates on Providing a pay bonus of \$60 for all persons in the military establishment,

officers and enlisted men alike. Extending the Reed "bone dry" prohibition law to the District of Columbia. Increasing from \$25 to \$1,000 the tax on those dealing in intoxicants, including

"stills" in prohibition territory, (Continued on eighth page.)

With Opening of New National Assembly Today at Weimar

CHANCELLOR EBERT TO OPEN SESSION

Herr Pfannkuch, the Patriarch of the Gathering, Is Expected to Preside

the German chancellor, will open the first session of the recently elected German national assembly at Weimar at 3 clock this afternoon. Dispatches from Berlin state that after the meeting of the body is thus opened the cheer will that it could not interfere in the strikes be taken by the oldest member of the w in progress for the reason that they

assembly, probably Herr Pfannkuch. The advices report that many mem pers for Alsace-Lorraine have presented themselves for the first sitting of the

The name of Herr Eichhorn, the for-mer chief of the Berlin police department, who was ousted during the troubles with the Spartacans, will be stricken from the roll of membership of the embly, as his whereabouts is not known. He will be succeeded by the candidate in his district who received the next largest vote.

ONE BIG SYSTEM. REGIONAL BACKBONE

The conference report presented to the estimated that they will be able to carry That Is the Proposal By Hines in Re-Grouping the Railroads Under

Seneral Hines to-day explained to the Senate interstate commerce committee that in regrouping the railroads according to his proposed permanent regional organization under private management would include one or two big systems as the backbone for each group. grouping would have to be determined by some governmental tribunal, not by Congress, and in general he regarded as unwise to divide big existing systems Mr. Hines suggested that one regional corporations, and on incomes, individual were called out. Passenger trains ran Vork Central and New England systems corporations, and on incomes, individual until midnight but freight service was and corporate. Rates of the Senate on partly suspended. Early trains to the them, and another of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Okio, with smaller roads now physically associated with them.

KILLED IN FIRST BATTLE. Private Merlin H. Clark of Middlebury Met Death Aug. 5.

Middlebury, Feb. 6.-Authentic and official information has at last been rein H. Clark, only son of Joseph S. Clark this town. After having been emloyed for about three years at Pottersille, N. Y., young Clark was accepted for service by the board at Glens Falls all the large buildings abandoned their and was sent to Camp Devens, where he was assigned to Co. L. 58th infantry cars, and restaurants closed their doors He was sent across the water early last summer and was killed in the trenches in northern France in his first battle on Aug. 5. This young man was very well liked in Middlebury, where he was born and brought up. Besides his father, he is survived by two sisters, now living in other states, and one aunt, Mrs. L. M. ects to have lights to-night, as the Morrison of Middlebury,

municipal lighting plants from the strike FIVE SHIPS BRING NEARLY 16,000 SOLDIERS

perintendent of schools stated. Moving Transports Will Dock at New York, Boston and Newport News Between Feb. 12 and 18.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6. Departure thetic move to help shipyard workers from France of five transports with more and cake. who, numbering about 25,000, struck for than 650 officers and 15,000 men was an-Among the units aboard are the 371st and 372d infantry complete, parts of several other infantry regiments and the 68th coast artillery regiment complete. The transports are due to arrive at New again soon. York, Boston and Newport News between

VERICT AGAINST PHYSCIAN. R. N. Baldwin of Orleans to Recover

\$1,750 from Dr. Gaines. St. Johnsbury, Feb. 6.- In court at \$1,000 for single and \$2,000 for married gates asked that Czecho-Slovakia com- port physician. This was the second trial of the Baldwin vs. Gaines case. A year \$200 for each dependent minor. Also vakia and the Ruthenian section of Hun- ago in the lower court Baldwin got a shall pay only 6 per cent this year and the Czecho-Slovaks are largely in the case to the higher court with yesterday's 4 per cent thereafter on the first \$4,000 majority. This would embrace territory result. The plaintiff is a traveling salesman for the St. Johnsbury Grocery Co. per cent on income between \$5,000 and an outlet to the sea was emphasized, it tomobile accident near Newport, and the \$6,000 to 65 per cent on more than \$1,- being pointed out that a way should be suit grew out of services rendered by found northward by the Elbe and Vis- Dr. Gaines. Baldwin claimed that a pertula to the North and Baltic seas, east- manent lameness is due to improper ward by the Danube to the Black sea, or | medical treatment. The present case was southward through Trieste or Fiume to begun Jan. 20. The jury had the case

> SLACKER, THEN DESERTER. Clarence Waterman of Troy Taken Back to Camp Devens.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 6,- A member of members, two each from France, Great the St. Johnsbury police went to Camp Britain, Italy and the United States, Devens yesterday with Clarence Water-After the session it was announced day night. Last fall he was taken into a. m.

BOLSHEVIKI ACCEPT OFFER

They Will Meet the Allies on Princes Island or Elsewhere

IF RUSSIAN INTERNAL

NEW EXISTENCE Allies Immediately Plan to Send Delegations to Meet Russians

> London, Feb. 6.—M. Tchitecherin, the bolshevist foreign minister of Russia, announces in a wireless dispatch picked up here, that the soviet government is will ing to participate in the Princes Island conference. The message bears the date of Tuesday and was sent from Moscow The dispatch declares the soviet govern-ment is ready, "if there be occasion, to enter into a general agreement with the entente powers on their undertaking not to interfere with Russian internal af-

It then announces that the government is disposed to confer on the basis indicated in the note from the peace conference, at Princes Island or elsewhere, "with all the entente powers or some of them separately, or even with some of the Russian political groups at the request of the entente powers.

Paris, Feb. 6.-The supreme council, on earning of the acceptance by Russian bolshevik government of the invitation to attend the conference on the Princes Is land, immediately made arrangements to send a joint commission of two repre sentatives from each of the five great lowers to meet the representatives of the oviet government.

The wireless dispatch from the soviet overnment was received by wireless last night while the conference commis sion on the society of nations was in

The members of the committee will be announced soon. One of the American delegates will be a personal friend of President Wilson who has been a resident of Europe for a number of years, and the other will be an American newspaper editor well known in the middle

The original date for the meeting on the Princes Island Feb. 15 probably will be changed, in order to give the com mittee time to reach the island.

No further response from the other Russian factions has been received, and it interesting. The attendance was better s not known if the other factions will and the reports from the different derepresented. It is stated, however, partments were a revelation as to the that in any event the conference with amount of work accomplished during the the representatives of the soviet government will proceed.

CHANGE OF VENUE IN FORD LIBEL SUIT

corporation be formed with the New Chicago Daily Tribune Is Granted Petition in Million-Dollar Suit Brought Against It By Recent Candidate for Senator.

> Detroit, Mich., Feb. 6 .- A change of venue from Wayne county (Detroit), to aid work, classes in which were recently some other county in Michigan was granted in circuit court this morning to the Chicago Daily Tribune in the million-dellar libel suit brought against it by Henry Ford.

Selection of a place for the trial i left to counsel for both sides, but in event of their inability to agree, it will be fixed by Judge Henry A. Mandell, who heard the motion for a change of

BUSY IN FRANCE.

Melburn Lewis Well, Enjoying Life and Expects to Stay Overseas Some Time,

Sergi. Melburn A. Lewis of the military police, located at Parigne L Eveque | quota of 400 more garments-children's Sarthe, France, writes his mother, Mrs. pinafores-will arrive in Barre. M. L. Lewis of South Barre, that he is well and enjoying life. He continues: 'We moved again and expect we will be here for some time. Have electric lights, valescent gowns and 200 ladies' chemises. as we are in barracks. Have not received any mail for three weeks, but will last of this week.

'We are not getting as much rain now; am in hopes it will let up still more. I am driving a Pierce Arrow truck now. We are having real good feed. 7 scarfs, 1 afghan. For supper we had French fried potatoes, hamburg steak, bread, jam, coffee

"What do you think of the name of nounced to-day by the war department, this place? Just sneeze and you have to carry goods to different points. Parigne L Evenue Surthe, France Some name! I will have a whole book full, we have been to so many places. Will soon have a birthday. Will write F. W. Storey, Special Agent of New Eng-

> DOUBLE FUNERAL. For Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Houston Held in Methodist Church.

> The double funeral of Ernest W. Houson, who died in Rochester Saturday evening, and Mrs. Ernest W. Houston, who also died in Rochester Monday morning, was held in Hedding Methodist church at 2:30 yesterday afternoon with a large attendance, among the number being a delegation from the Odd Fellows, of which Mr. Houston was a member of all branches, and also a delegation from the Rebekahs, of which both were members. Both lodges performed their rituals at the services. The offi-clating clergyman was Rev. B. G. Lip-The bearers of both bodies were the following: O. E. Philbrick, Denison Densmore, Jack Howell, Will Bishop, Hugh Boyce ann Walter LaBelle. The bodies were placed in a tomb in Elmwood cemetery to await interment in the spring.

PREACHER HALL ACQUITTED. Judge Found Him Not Guilty of Killing His Wife.

Saco, Me., Feb. 6 .- Henry H. Hall, the Britain, Italy and the United States, Devens yesterday with Clarence Water Wells Depot lay preacher, was found not to look into the technical aspects of the man of Troy, arrested as a deserter, Waterman was arrested at Newport Tues- wife. The jury had been out since 11:30

resulted in her death, was accidental. nation."

PRESIDENTIAL VOTE. HOUSE APPROVING ASK BARRE TAXPAYERS A

RIGHTS SAFE School Commissioners and Superintendent Join in Requesting Charter Amendment to Raise More Will Be Amply Safeguarded

VERMONT WOMEN GET

MUCH FRIENDLIER American Representative er salaries for teachers, which is going throughout the country."

In their report the commissioners say "Last year we called your attention t our need for more money to run our school system. At a special city meet ing the citizens voted us fifteen cents additional tax. This enabled us to in crease our maximum salary in the grades and high school. We have asked our city council to have our charter amended we can raise an amount not to exceed \$1 on the grand list. If we are grant ed this request, we will be able to give another increase in salaries and in this way at least keep in sight of the procession for higher salaries for teachers

Eckhardt, and the consequent cessation of anti-Americaa propaganda. President Carranza in the last two years, he said. to maintain the high standard. tion, and in reorganizing the public serv-

ice, and had made such headway in this respect that the various bandit leaders operating in small bands. He was emphatic in stating that Carranza was the 1,486 Articles Shipped in January by ranch of the Red Cross was held last evening at headquarters and proved very

and high cost of living, attend summer

school treasurer is appended Receipts. Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1918 \$2,048.08

to buy a chart and outfit for the first Summary of Income. Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1918 Proceeds of 85c school tax 1918 Proceeds of 3c even'g drawing school Mrs. Frank W. Robinson, chairman of the sewing department, reported that Barre's quota for the month of January, there in distribution of the state received, was Dec. 31, 160 girls' dresses; Jan. 24, 80 aprons; Jan. 29, 180 morn-

ing jackets. There remain in the rooms the present time about 95 morning ale of books and supplies jackets to be made. Mrs. Chency of Summer street took home 40 of the girls' Town of Barre, grammar school fund income Patrick Manning fund Proceeds of sale of hay

While the attendance has been good lagged somewhat in the last few days Summary of Expenditures and an especial appeal is made to the (Warrants drawn.) women to keep up their splendid work, Tenchers' salaries . . that this month's quota may be disposed Fuel of in good time. Within a few days a Test books

On Jan. 2, 330 comfort bags were shipped to headquarters in Boston for Repairs.

Miscellaneous the Italian army; on Jan. 24, 100 con-Water and lights The 160 girls' dresses will be shipped the

The January shipment of knitted articles included the following: 732 pairs socks, 62 sweaters, 8 pairs wristlets, 4 sleeping caps, 1 helmet, 31 wash cloths, The ladies in charge of the sewing

wish especially to extend thanks to members of the fire department, who have assisted greatly in using the team

TELEPHONE TOPICS TALKED. land Tel. & Tel. Co., Chief Speaker.

An educational conference of the independent telephone companies of the state, of Vermont was held in Howland hall this morning, with representatives of numerous companies present. F. W. Storey. special agent of the New England Tele- Ministers of Congregational Domination shone & Telegraph company, spoke to the gathering on the more complex systems of accountancy and business efficiency, with which the smaller companies were not fully acquainted. He also spoke in the Congregational denomination, and at some length on the details of the nostmaster-general's duties, which affect the operation of telephone companies.

educational nature and undoubtedly everyone present derived a large measure of eryone declared that it was one of the most profitable periods of time of that length that they had ever spent.

IRELAND'S CLAIMS FAVORED. House Foreign Affairs Committee Reported Resolution.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—The House Rev. James Ramage of Barre. oreign affairs committee to-day ordered favorably reported a resolution express-For taxation of salaries of federal of (Continued on eighth page.)

that the next meeting of the council custody in St. Johnsbury, charged with bearing his wife ing the hope that the peace conference will take place at 3 o'clock Thursday being a slacker. He was sent to Camp and pushing her from a treatle. The of Ireland to the right of self-determination of the lowers and three weeks ago deserted. The defense centended that the fall, which of Ireland to the right of self-determination.

TO BE MORE LIBERAL WITH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Barre school commissioners and su perintendent, in submitting their annual reports to the people of Barre, join in asking the citizens to vote at the city meeting to-morrow evening to authorize the amendment of the city charter so that an amount not to exceed \$1 on the dollar of the grand list may be set aside for school purposes. The ground for making this request is that through the proposed increase Barre may "at least keep in sight of the procession for high

which is going throughout the country.

"The citizens of Barre have always been interested in their schools and we feel that your interest is with them still so that we can receive money enough

received an extra fifteen cents on a dollar of the grand list for school purposes. This enabled us to increase the maximum salary of the grade teachers to \$50 and to increase also the salary of the high school teachers. If the cititrust we can further increase our teach-The average salary for our elementary teachers for the school year 1918-19 is \$564. This means \$10.84 a week for the year or about \$1.80 a day. week for the year, or \$2.50 a day. Many of our teachers, despite the low salaries

In order that the citizens may have Tracy at once attacked the bill with ferknowledge of where the \$63.802.42 was vor, saying that he hoped that the people spent in the maintenance of the schools of Vermont would for a time maintain last year the following report of the the right of free speech, and not

Paid on all accounts\$60,802.42 Cash on hand Dec. 51, 1918 1,253.62

school funds
Tuition fees from out of town pupils
Tuition fees evening drawing school
and supplies sold

school room and office supplies Express, freight and cartage Evening drawing school 2,099.76 Total Income \$65,055.44 Expenditures 68,802.42

The enrollment in the Barre schools last year was 2,420, of which 441 were in the high school. The number of teachers employed during the fall term of the present school year numbered 67. Accompanying the reports of the school commissioners and superintendents are the reports of Principal Lyman C. Hunt of Spaulding high school, Principal Charles Pamperl of the Evening Drawing school, Miss Margaret A. Ritchie,

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1918 \$1,253.02

Faustina V. Maker, school nurse. HELD CONFERENCE IN BARRE.

Discussed Evangelism Chiefly.

supervisor of drawing, Miss Mary L.

Throughout the state are being held this week a series of ministers' retreats that of Washington and Orange counties was held in Barre Tuesday and Wednesday, with an attendance of min-It was an interesting conference and isters from a number of the churches was arranged with the intention of giv- of that denomination, who met to dising everyone present a fuller and clearer cuss the work of the church, especially understanding of the more complex in- in regard to evangelism. Most of the side workings of a large telephone com-pany. Their efforts were purely of an ing, were held at Hotel Barre, the headquarters of the visiting ministers.

Those present were C. C. Merrill of benefit from it. The conference occupied Burington, state secretary of the Verabout three hours, and at its finish ev- mont Domestic Missionary society, Rev. W. L. Boicourt of Waterbury, Rev. Mr. Kinney of Montpelier, superintendent of the Sunday school union of Vermont, Rev. Albert Abbott of Moretown, Rev. Mr. Kimball of Northfield, Rev. L. G. Metzger of Randolph, Rev. John Irons of Williamstown, Rev. G. A. Furness of Marshfield, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed and

Revs. Bolcourt, Metzger and Goodspeed are to have charge of the evangeBy Vote of 120 to 90, That Body Passed in Concurrence Bill Which the Senate Had Already Passed-Large Gallery of Women Heard the Yea and Nay Roll-Call.

DEROGATORY BILL KILLED BY HOUSE

There Was a Sharp Debate Over Measure Introduced by Senator Howland of Washington County to Protect Banks from the Effects of Rumors.

Women will vote for presidential electors in the state of Vermont from this passed in concurrence, and without discalled for "yeas" and "nays" and the resulting vote was 120 to 90 in favor of the passage of the bill. There were a large number of women in the gallery when the "yeas" and "nays" were being

A great deal of discussion arose this morning in the House over S. 14, relating to derogatory statements affecting banks, a bill recently passed by the Sen-This bill brought forth lengthy debate and was finally killed by an overwhelming refusal to give it a third read-In order to make sure that the deceased should not be revived, Mr. Tracy of Johnson moved for a reconsideration which was refused with a thunderous This bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Howland of Washing ton county

All the excitement over S. 14 started when it came up for a third reading unschools to better prepare themselves for der a favorable majority report from the committee on banking and insurance. Mr. banks and bank directors "muzzle their mouths." Mr. Tracy maintained that, if this bill were passed, it would be impossible for lawvers to advise their clients properly, or for friends to advise each other as they should, in regard to deposits in certain banks. He declared that it was a dangerous measure and that

he would oppose it to the end.

Mr. Carpenter of Richford defended the hill and said that it was not aimed against free speech or against the people in any way, but was rather for the benefit of the people who had small savings in the banks of the state and who should be protected against malicious rumors 252.50 which might be circulated to do harm to those banks. The bill was also defended 8,20 by Mr. McFarland of Hyde Park, who pointed out the danger of a run on a bank as the result of wild rumors which unfounded.

Mr. Belknap of Rockingham, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry, Mr. Austin of Highgate and Mr. Connal of Newport Town spoke against the bill. Mr. Webster of Swanton offered an amendment RELEG 561.25 to the bill which placed the same penal-102.24 ties on directors of banks and banking institutions in general for malicious and derogatory statements which might af-697.62 feet each other that was placed on the individual. This amendment was opposed in the same manner as the bill.

Mr. Cudworth maintained that there was no call for any such bill as this, and that it was simply useless legislation. Mr. Connal called it class legislation and said that laws already on our statute books will give the banks such protection. from derogatory statements as they are entitled to receive and that it would not be proper to impose penalties in favor of any one class.

The House continued its work of carnage by killing S. 10, changing the month in which to prepare names of persons to serve as grand and petit jurors. Mr. Belknap of Rockingham introduced.

joint resolution which was adopted on the part of the House, providing for a Wallace, supervisor of music, and Miss joint assembly on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, at 8 o'clock in the evening, to onor the memory of the late Theodora Roosevelt, and to listen to memorial addresses by Governor Clement and Rev. Fraser Metzger of Randolph.

The House passed: H. 34, authorizing he state librarian to deliver a set of The Vermont Digest" to the town of Newport, and H. 109, an act relating to the payment of the premiums for bonds furnished by officers of the state, a coun-

The Senate to-day passed in concur-rence the following bills: An act to amend the charter of the village of Wilmington; an act relating to the receipt and disbursement of funds for the support of the Soldiers' home; an act relate ing to preservation of records by towns of soldiers in the war of the rebellion and subsequent wars and military enterprises of the United States; to amend the charter of the village of Proctor; increasing the fees of witnesses in county and municipal courts.

The Senate ordered a third reading on the following measures: Relating to the taking of muskrats in Addison county; Chase of East Braintree, Rev. Fraser relating to disposition and care of children in non-support or desertion cases; relating to foreign corporations, prohibting the granting of a certificate of anthority in certain cases; relating to charters of domestic corporations, establishing the fee payable for amendment thereor providing that town clerks may be collectors of taxes in certain cases; relat-

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